

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended to correct an inadvertent typographical error. It is obvious that the “display content program file” stores the “display content program” and not the “control procedure program”.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following species:

I. An editing apparatus comprising a data copying means, and features associated therewith (independent claims 1, 17 and 27);

II. An editing apparatus comprising a single file for storing all of the features associated with the single file (independent claims 37, 44 and 51);

III. An editing apparatus comprising a registering means and display means for performing all of the features associated with the registering means and the display means/process (independent claims 58, 61 and 64);

IV. An editing apparatus comprising a program generating means for performing all of the functions and/or features associated with the program generating means (independent claims 67, 71 and 75); and

V. An editing apparatus comprising an extracting means for performing all of the functions and/or features associated with the extracting means (independent claims 79, 83 and 87).

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects species II (directed to an editing apparatus comprising a single file for storing all of the features associated with the single file) for further prosecution in the present application in the event that no generic claim is

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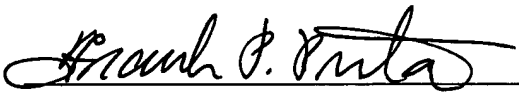
finally held to be allowable. Claims 37-42, 44, 47, 48, 51, 54 and 55 read on the elected species (II).

It is noted that Minoru Yoshida, Toshihiko Moriyama, Takao Ohtomo and Shunu Tanigawa are not inventors of the elected species (II). Accordingly, a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b) requesting the deletion of their names as inventors of the elected species is submitted herewith along with the fee of \$130.00 required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).

Prompt examination of the elected claims is earnestly solicited.

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